

3831. Adulteration of bulk oats. U. S. v. 1 Carload of Bulk Oats, so-called. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 6270. I. S. No. 11481-k. S. No. E-212.)

On February 4, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 1 carload of oats, remaining unsold and unloaded in the car at Winsted, Conn., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about January 23, 1915, by Fagg & Taylor, Milwaukee, Wis., and transported from the State of Wisconsin into the State of Connecticut, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that the oats had been mixed and packed with water and 9.8 per cent barley, in such a manner as to reduce or lower or injuriously affect the quality and strength of the product.

On February 15, 1915, the said Fagg & Taylor, a copartnership, claimants, having consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be released and delivered to said claimants upon payment of all the costs of the proceedings; upon amending the bill of lading and invoice covering the carload of oats, if necessary; upon reducing the water content of said oats to 14 per centum or less of the entire bulk thereof, under the supervision of an inspector of the Department of Agriculture; and upon the execution and filing of a bond for \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11, 1915.